

## How would annexation affect POLICE SERVICES?

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### *What are Police Response Times for East Renton?*

Call Type	2006 Average King County Sheriff Response Times*	2006 City of Renton Response Times*
<b><u>CRITICAL DISPATCH:</u></b> incidents which pose an obvious danger to the life of an officer or citizen, including felony crimes in progress, help the officer situations, shootings, stabbings, in-progress robberies and in-progress burglaries where the possibility of a confrontation between a victim and a suspect exists, and for manually-activated commercial ("hold up" or "panic") alarms.	9.85 minutes	2.58 minutes
<b><u>IMMEDIATE DISPATCH:</u></b> for incidents requiring immediate police action, all silent passively-activated alarms at banks, businesses, and residences, injury accidents, for major disturbances with weapons involved. Also includes in-progress burglaries of unoccupied structures, other types of crimes in-progress or which have just occurred, where a suspect may still be in the immediate area.	14.32 minutes	7.94 minutes
<b><u>PROMPT DISPATCH:</u></b> For situations that could escalate to a more serious degree is not policed quickly. Examples are verbal disturbances, blocking accidents, hazardous situations, separated domestic violence situation, shoplifters in custody who are not causing a problem, and mental or physical trauma situations.	23.10 minutes	12.15 minutes
<b><u>ROUTINE DISPATCH:</u></b> Calls for which time is <u>not</u> the critical factor in the proper handling of the call, such as burglaries or larcenies that are <u>not in progress</u> , audible commercial and residential alarms, "cold" vehicle thefts and abandoned calls, and dispatch is made as soon as reasonably possible.	61.47 minutes	22.56 minutes

\*Sheriff's Office and City of Renton response times include all time from when the call was received by a 9-1-1 call receiver to the time that the officer arrives on scene. Sheriff's Office response times are for the F2 patrol district, which includes East Renton. Response times for both agencies are as of September 30, 2006.

## ***How Does the Sheriff's Office Respond to Our Area Now?***

The Sheriff's Office typically staffs the F-2 patrol district that encompasses East Renton with a minimum of one deputy per shift. The district stretches from the Renton city limits on the west to Highway 18 on the east, approximately May Valley Road on the north, and the Maple Valley Highway on the south. Routine patrol backup/response may be provided from the other "F" districts. Together, they have a minimum of between 7 and 9 deputies on duty at any time (depending on day and shift). As needed, backup may also come from other districts or the cities of Newcastle, Covington, and Maple Valley, and other Maple Valley precinct staff.

There is a Sheriff's Office storefront in the Briarwood Shopping Center. Patrol supervision, burglary/larceny investigations, community problem solving, and drug investigations are provided from the Maple Valley Precinct. All other Sheriff's Office services, including major investigations (e.g., homicide, rape, fraud), K-9 units, SWAT, and administration are provided by central units, some of which are headquartered in Kent.

## ***What is Renton's Police Level of Service?***

Renton staffs patrol districts with 1.6 officers per 1,000 residents. Residents receive consistent response to 911 calls. *Average* response time to high-priority calls is under 5 minutes. Residents today receive response to highest-priority calls in about 2.58 minutes. The department provides patrol operations, patrol services (traffic, animal control), investigations and administrative and staff services. The City has seven patrol districts and a new district would be created to cover the newly annexed area in East Renton. The department assigns the Neighborhood Traffic Unit to address complaints and conduct speed studies. Other services include Community programs, including Crime Prevention, BlockWatch, BusinessWatch, and Detective follow-up on crime cases with strong solvability factors. Overall, residents can expect increased presence of marked patrol units in neighborhoods.

There are 239 police departments in Washington, and Renton is proud to be one of the twelve of those agencies that are nationally accredited. The national accreditation program was started in 1979 to develop a set of law enforcement standards, and to establish and administer an accreditation process through which law enforcement agencies could demonstrate voluntarily that they meet professionally recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery. Accreditation addresses department policy and procedures, management, operations, and support services. The Renton Police Department has to comply with 442 standards in order to maintain accredited status. Accreditation lasts for three years, and Renton Police Department has earned re-accredited status three times. The Renton Police Department was last re-accredited in 2004, with the next cycle and on-site assessment scheduled for August 2007.

The benefits of accreditation include: Controlled/limited liability, risk and exposure, stronger defense against lawsuits and citizen complaints, greater accountability within the agency, staunch support from government officials, and increased community advocacy.